ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
MARYLAND

MILITARY AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES

VICINITY MAP

Scale: 0 3 Miles
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THE CEMETERIES

The lands which comprise Aberdeen Proving Ground lie in
the Coastal Plain, and the easy terrain and access to
navigable waterways probably led to the early
settlement of this area.

The private (P) cemeteries, associated with local
churches and chapels or family burying grounds, may
have begun as early as the late 1600's and ceased about
1917, as the privately held properties, mostly farms,
were purchased by the government.

About 1917, shortly after the establishment of Edgewood
Arsenal and Fort Hoyle, which itself was merged into
Edgewood Arsenal, and Aberdeen Proving Ground, and
since 1971 collectively known as Aberdeen Proving
Ground, the military (M) cemeteries were begun.

Each cemetery has been photographed and transcribed in
its entirety, and the compilation includes an ordered
listing of all grave markers found in the cemetery,
with a transcription of all of the writing found on
each grave marker.

An arbitrary grid system was established to assist in
defining locations in each cemetery. Generally, row 1
is either that line of stones (grave markers) nearest
the entrance or the closest row when facing the stones
with the text legible. Markers that are generally
aligned, whether headstone, footstone, or unidentified
as to either, are considered to be in the same row.
Marker positions are generally relative to each other,
and corresponding marker positions in different rows
are generally aligned, one behind the other. In the
compilation that follows, the grave marker locations
are indicated as first by row, and then by relative
position within that row, within the context of the
arbitrary grid system.

In the military cemeteries only, a substantial number
of grave markers have an identifying number inscribed
on the reverse of the stone. These numbers have been
recorded, and appear on the photographs, handwritten on
a card that is placed to the side of the marker. Grave
markers without an identifying number on the reverse
are indicated with a horizontal bar on the card visible
in the photograph.